

# ANAK KO Marigold Scholarship

## Marigold Scholarship Information

### Applicant Criteria

Marigold Scholars will be awarded on a merit- and needs-basis to applicants blind-selected by an unbiased committee (meaning that they won't know the identities of applicants and only the other information of their application) and must:

- be enrolled as a full-time college student (minimum **12 for undergrad, 6 for graduate** credit hours per semester) or as a high school upper-classman (11th or 12th grade) with the goal to graduate and establish a professional career
- have experienced the loss of an important person or pet or something significant (i.e., health, home, goal)
- have earned a minimum 3.5 GPA, and minimum test scores — if in HS: 20 ACT or 1000 SAT — or if pursuing advanced/professional degree: 300 GRE or 150 LSAT or 515 MCAT

### Application Checklist

- completed **Application Form** (attached following pages)
  - 1-2 page (typed, 12-point clear font, double-spaced) **Expository Essay** answering these questions: 1) *How did you cope with your aforementioned loss?* 2) *What are your future goals, and how do they connect with your previous loss(es)?* 3) *How can the Marigold Scholarship help you financially during your educational endeavors?*
  - **Résumé** with your contact information, education, experience, minimum 2 references and their contact information
  - **2 Recommendation Letters** from non-relatives of authority — 1 *Professional Reference* (professor/teacher, coach/club sponsor, supervisor/manager) and 1 *Character Reference* (spiritual leader, adult friend, classmate, teammate, colleague) who can attest to your work ethic (providing this cover page of criteria may help guide them in composing their letters)
  - most recent **Official Transcript** and **Official Test Scores** within last 2 years (ACT/SAT for HS, GRE/LSAT/MCAT for graduate/post-baccalaureate students) mailed directly to: **ANAK KO Org., 410 Winnipeg Avenue, Brownsville, TX 78526**
- DUE DATE:** Poststamped/time-stamped by **June 30<sup>th</sup>**  Please send complete Application Packets and Essays (with exceptions of transcripts and test scores sent separately) by either of the following methods:
- Original print-outs mailed to: **ANAK KO Org., 410 Winnipeg Avenue, Brownsville, TX 78526**
  - Digital files (all scanned together in 1 single document as PDF) emailed to: [DrDR@AnakKo.Org](mailto:DrDR@AnakKo.Org)
- Incomplete Application Packets will not be reviewed**, but *those applicants may be notified by email if their application is received way ahead of the deadline with enough time in advance to provide the information needed*

### Scholar Expectations

Marigolds Scholars will be notified by mail if they're awarded by ANAK KO. Checks will be issued directly to them to spend however they wish to meet their needs while they're in school. Finances don't have to necessarily go toward tuition, textbooks or supplies, but is strongly recommended. Our foundation also considers expecting parents who are getting an education while pregnant, and funds allocated may help with baby and medical expenses. If such or similar circumstances take place at the time of application, please point these and other reasons why you need financial aid in your Essay.

### About the Scholarship

Marigolds represent Día de los Muertos ("Day of the Dead" in Spanish). ANAK KO co-founder Chef David Rendón planted them at Asia Felina Catalina's grave the summer after their family's oldest cat died. When he and ANAK KO co-founder Dr. Elaine Dispo-Rendón did ANAK KO's very first Pregnancy & Infant Loss (PAIL) Balloon Release on PAIL Remembrance Day, he pointed out how they started to blossom in their Marian garden. By All Souls' Day, an abundance already had bloomed exponentially. Just like these aromatic orange flowers, ANAK KO plans to grow and offer awards to scholars who, like these founders, have lost a loved one and want to make the world, like their garden, a better place.

### About ANAK KO

ANAK KO is a nonprofit organization that offers grief relief in the forms of care packages, memorial markers and scholarships for bereaving families in their babies' memories. Meaning "My Child" in Filipino, ANAK KO is an acronym that stands for: Angel Nevaeh Always Kailanman Kisses Onward, named for the first unborn baby of the founders, who also lost their oldest cat and second unborn child while starting this foundation. Thank you for considering applying or sharing this with a student who you encourage to apply, and please check out our platforms

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## Marigold Scholarship Application

**NAME** First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_, STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

### CURRENT EDUCATION

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL TYPE & DIPLOMA/DEGREE (please check one)  High School/Early College Preparatory for Diploma

College/University for Certificate or License, Associate's or Bachelor's Degree

Graduate/Professional School for Post-Baccalaureate Certificate or License, Master's or Doctoral Degree

### COURSE OF STUDY

MAJOR (if declared) \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (at time of application) \_\_\_\_\_ / 4.0 EXPECTED GRADUATION

DATE: TERM (please circle one) **Spring • Summer • Fall • Winter** YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

TEST SCORES (if taken within 2 years of application): ACT \_\_ | SAT \_\_ (if in HS within 2 years of application date)

GRE \_\_ | LSAT \_\_ | MCAT \_\_ | Other professional entry test (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ score \_\_\_\_ \*please order official

scores to be sent directly from Institution to ANAK KO Org., 410 Winnipeg Avenue, Brownsville, TX 78526

### REFERENCES & RELATIONSHIP

1. PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE NAME & ROLE (supervisor, professor, coach, leader)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ROLE \_\_\_\_\_

2. CHARACTER REFERENCE NAME & ROLE (colleague, class-/teammate, mentor)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ROLE \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST** (please ensure all are included) | **DUE DATE: June 30th** postmark/time-stamp



SCANNED ALL TOGETHER:  Complete Form  | **Résumé**  1-2 page typed **Essay** |  **2 Recommendation Letters**

SENT SEPARATELY FROM INSTITUTION:  **Official Transcripts\*** |  **Official Test Scores\*** (if applicable)

I attest that everything in my **Marigold Scholarship Application** is true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED/TYPED FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for applying to ANAK KO's very first *Marigold Scholarship*! You may be notified if your application is incomplete if it's received with enough time to complete before the due date. If you're selected for an award, then total will be determined based on the funds available. Best wishes!  

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